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1 Timothy 6:4-5

Paul Describes the Fruit of False Teachings in the Church

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Fruit of False Teachers

1 Timothy 6:4-5 (NASB)

...**he is conceited and understands nothing**; but **he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words**, out of which arise **envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions**, and **constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.**

- See Gal. 5:22 -23 for the fruit of the Spirit
- The revealed purpose of God (Acts 20:27) taught by Paul in Ephesus, does not produce this!

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Fivefold Collection of Calamities

- Envy
- Strife
- Malicious talk
- Evil Suspicions
- Constant friction with three-fold effect
 - Corrupted thinking
 - Wranglings and animosities
 - Supposing godliness should produce gain

Adapted From Yarbrough, R. W. (2018). Pillar Commentary Series

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Those Who Are the Lord's Turn From What Brings Dishonor

2 Timothy 2:19-20 (NASB)

Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "**Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness.**" Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor.

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What It Means to Honor God

2 Timothy 2:21-22 (NASB)

Therefore, **if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor**, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. Now flee from youthful lusts and **pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.**

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Stay Awake and Be Concerned

Acts 20:31 (NASB)

Therefore **be on the alert**, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

- **Be on the alert is gregoreo_** (22 times in NT)
- This corresponds to the imperative (guard) vs 28
- The dangers are real, be on guard and awake
- Paul's example showed intense, personal teaching and care for each one
- He did not stop or get distracted

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